

our previous report suggested that body mass index could influence the peak blood flow velocity in the aortomesenteric portion of the left renal vein.³

In addition, considering the noninvasiveness, high sensitivity, and easy applicability of renal Doppler ultrasound,⁴ patients with mild renal symptoms, especially children or adolescents, might not require further evaluations, such as CT angiography or magnetic resonance angiography, because our previous report demonstrated the usefulness of follow-up renal Doppler ultrasound without further diagnostic procedures.

Therefore, diagnostic procedures should be selected according to the characteristics of an individual patient due to variable expressions of this syndrome from asymptomatic microscopic haematuria to severe pelvic congestion syndrome.

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Letter to the Editor re EJVES2863

To the Editor,

This study prospectively compares endoluminal thermal ablation (VNUS) of the long saphenous vein versus “traditional redo groin surgery” (RGS) plus LSV stripping in patients with recurrent reflux after sapheno-femoral ligation without LSV stripping.

In 16 patients, one leg chosen at random was treated with VNUS, the other leg was treated with RGS plus stripping of the LSV.

VNUS caused less pain and bruising and was performed more quickly than RGS. The authors conclude that “VNUS should be considered the treatment of choice for recurrent long saphenous varicose veins”.

As the authors admit in the discussion, the combination of recurrent SFJ reflux and the persistence of a long saphenous vein is “a legacy from the practice of general surgeons in the past who did not routinely remove the LSV”. In my own practice which includes about 2000 LSV strippings and 400 RGS I have encountered this constellation three or four times only.

Any conclusion that can be drawn from this study is limited to this particular constellation which is increasingly irrelevant in daily practice. Nevertheless, the authors’ conclusions may wrongly suggest that VNUS can play an important role in the treatment of recurrent varicose veins.

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